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Dear Board of County Commissioners:

We received your notice of the public hearing on February 17th regarding Lost Creek Rock Products. It encourages adjacent landowners to raise any issues they may have with permitting this company to mine aggregate from the hillside on Beaver Falls Road. We have an issue we would like to raise at that meeting. We will attempt to join the meeting virtually but being somewhat technically challenged we may not be able to connect. Please read this letter at the meeting.

We have a cattle ranch and residence directly above the area that Lost Creek Rock products is wanting to mine. The hillside is very steep and very deep down to the valley floor. They have surveyed the property line between us and we are putting up a fence on our line. It is our understanding that they can not mine within 100 feet of our line. This is somewhat reassuring but our well is 430 feet deep. We are concerned that they may tap into the underground water that feeds our well. That could lower the ground water causing our well to dry up. Even if that didn't happen it could alter or contaminate our excellent water. Any blasting could break our very deep pipeline.

Our first hope would be that you deny this company from excavating directly under us. However, if you allow this mining company to excavate directly under us, we ask for some stipulation that if they ruin our well water, they are responsible for replacing it to its prior condition.

Sincerely,

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